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SUBJECT: SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR PKK

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1.(U) TURKISH SECURITY FORCES KILLED NINE PKK KURDISH SEPARATIST TERRORISTS AND CAPTURED ONE NEAR MARDIN TUESDAY WHILE THE TERRORISTS WERE ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE TO SYRIA. PRESS REPORTS CLAIM TURKISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE CONCLUSIVE PROOF THAT PKK TERRORISTS ARE BEING TRAINED IN SYRIAN CAMPS. IT IS ALSO CLAIMED OFFICIALS KNOW WHERE THE CAMPS ARE AND WHO IS INVOLVED IN THEIR OPERATION.

2.(C) COMMENT: THE GOT APPEARS DETERMINED TO TURN UP THE HEAT ON SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR THE PKK. THIS LATEST LEAK FOLLOWS BY ONE WEEK PRIME MINISTER OZAL'S THREAT TO CUT OFF SYRIAN WATER IF DAMASCUS CONTINUES TO BACK SEPARATIST ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTHEAST. END COMMENT.

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